

and they have a room up stairs, reception area, that isn't refrigerated, but everything else is in there. We have...the beef comes in. It is slaughtered in a cooler area. It is stored in a cooler area. Everything there is cool. Now this particular amendment, Senator Wiley Remmers' amendment, would help this particular business. I don't feel it is too much to ask to help out. We've already excluded some businesses with...we've already excluded some businesses out of LB 715. I feel that the further exclusion of these businesses, considering that in the entire state, the entire state history, since 1867 the State of Nebraska has never taxed, never taxed businesses or industries in this particular manner. I feel that Senator Wiley Remmers' amendment is something that is needed and I will support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am a little confused on the effect of the Remmers amendment. I'm sure it is clear to all of you, but to someone with limited capability understanding all of this, I need to have some things explained. I asked a question earlier as to whether or not a company in my and Senator Rupp's district, B.D. Manufacturing, who manufacture...what do they manufacture, Lee? B.D. Syringes, pharmaceutical equipment, that sort of thing, whether they would be included in the exemption as a manufacturing industry. Also interested in Dale and a number of others, but I think that these two are specific because they probably do not use a large amount of energy to power the equipment. It is my understanding, Senator Johnson, that B.D. and Dale would be included in the exemption under the present language of LB 715. Is that right?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Schmit, you are absolutely correct. The Revenue Committee, the Department of Revenue intended for a manufacturing concern, like Becton-Dickinson in Columbus, to be exempt so long as more than 50 percent of their energy was purchased for the purposes of manufacturing, and which, as you described to me, it is. So all of their energy purchases will be exempt.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then what would be the impact of Senator Remmers' amendment if we were to adopt it?